The 3rd Robert Liberles International Summer Research Workshop 2013
The German-Jewish Experience Reconsidered: Contested Interpretations and Conflicting Perceptions

In all its complex dimensions, the post-enlightenment German-Jewish experience is overwhelmingly regarded as the most quintessential and charged meeting of Jews with the project of modernity. Perhaps for this reason, from the eighteenth century through to our own time it has been the object of intense reflection, of clashing interpretations and appropriations, indeed approaching the opposed extremes of "canonization" and "demonization". In both micro and macro case-studies, the aim of this workshop will be to engage these multiple perspectives as advocated by manifold interested actors, and to analyze their uses, biases and ideological functions over time in different cultural, disciplinary and national contexts.

The Format of the International Summer Research Workshop at the LBI Jerusalem
In the summer of 2009 the first International Summer Research Workshop took place at the Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, under the academic guidance of the late Prof. Robert Liberles, former chairman of the LBI Jerusalem who created the innovative format of this workshop: Senior scholars from abroad and Israel as well as junior scholars come together in Jerusalem during the summer break for intensive discussions of their fields of research. The time frame of several weeks with internal sessions, at which the participants mutually present their research, engenders a creative atmosphere and an exceedingly stimulating work environment which guarantees a high scientific gain; the vision is that researchers of the same field via this intensive encounter build a research community. Furthermore, the participants have the opportunity to take extensive advantage of the unique assets of Jerusalem’s archives and libraries.
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**Monday, July 15, 9:30 – 13:00: First Session**

East European Jewish Perceptions and Interpretations of the German-Jewish Other

Karin Neuburger
Reading the German-Jewish Experience via Yiddish and Hebrew Literature: Uri Zvi Greenberg and Micha Yosef Berdyczewski

Shulamit S. Magnus
East and West, German and “Jargon” in Pauline Wengeroff's "Cultural History of the Jews of Russia in the Nineteenth Century"

Shelley Zer-Zion
Embodied Jews: Habima Performs German Jewry during the 1930s

**Friday, July 19, 9:30 – 13:00: Third Session**

How "Jewish" was German Intellectual Life?

Jens Hacke
Jewish Liberalism in the Weimar Republic? Reconsidering a Key Element of Political Culture in the Interwar Era

Vivian Liska
How "Jewish" were the Writings and Identity of Franz Kafka and Walter Benjamin?

Amos Morris-Reich
To what Extent were Georg Simmel's or Arthur Ruppin's Sociologies "Jewish"?

**Sunday, July 21, 15:30 – 19:00: Fourth Session**

Zionist and Orthodox Perceptions and Interpretations of German Jewry

Adi Gordon
Arnold Zweig's Unresolved "Balance Sheet of German Jews"

Matthias Morgenstern
Samson Raphael Hirsch and his Perceptions of German Jewry

Stefan Vogt
Decay and Resurrection: Zionist Perceptions of German Jewry in the Context of Contemporary Ideas of Crisis

**Thursday, July 25, 19:00: Public Symposium (in Hebrew)**

German Judaism and German Jewry and their Place in Israeli Culture

19:00 Gathering
19:30 Greetings: Shmuel Feiner

Round Table with:
Ruth HaCohen
Galit Hasan-Rokem
Dani Schrire
Benni Ziffer
David Witzthum (Moderation)

All events if not otherwise mentioned at:
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